

STOCKTON RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR THE YEAR ENDED 1961

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit my report for the year ended 1961.



(1) BIRTHS

There were 191 births giving a birth rate of 19.7.

(2) DEATHS

There were 106 deaths the average age at death being 70 years.

(3) IMMUNISATION

Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Tetanus

This year 53 cases have been protected.

Diphtheria, Whooping Cough

14 primary courses completed.

14 reinforcing doses.

Diphtheria, Tetanus

2 cases protected.

Diphtheria

4 primary cases.

3 reinforcing doses.

(4) INFECTIOUS DISEASES

	<u>Cases Notified</u>	<u>Cases removed to Hospital</u>	<u>Deaths</u>
Scarlet Fever	5	-	-
Measles	49	-	-
Pneumonia	2	-	-
Erysipelas	1	-	-

Age Group of Attacks

	Under									
	<u>1</u>	<u>1-2</u>	<u>2-3</u>	<u>3-4</u>	<u>4-5</u>	<u>5-10</u>	<u>10-15</u>	<u>15-20</u>	<u>20-35</u>	<u>35-45</u>
Scarlet Fever	1			1	1		1			
Measles	3	3	6	4	10	21	2			
Pneumonia									1	
Erysipelas									1	

Over 45

Scarlet Fever	1
Pneumonia	1

A total of 57.

There were no cases of tuberculosis.

(5) CAUSES OF DEATHS

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
Tuberculosis Respiratory	1	1
Tuberculosis other	1	1
Syphilitic	1	1
Diphtheria	1	1
Whooping Cough	1	1
Meningococcal Infections	1	1
Acute poliomyelitis	1	1
Measles	1	1
Other infective and parasitic diseases	1	1
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	2	1
Malignant neoplasm, lung bronchus	2	1
Malignant neoplasm, uterus	1	1
Malignant neoplasm, breast	1	1
Other malignant and Lymphatic neoplasms	3	1
Leukaemia, aleukaemia	1	1
Diabetis	1	1
Vascular lesions of nervous system	14	5
Coronary disease, angina	16	8
Hypertension with heart disease	2	1
Other heart disease	6	9
Other circulatory disease	4	1
Influenza	1	1
Pneumonia	3	1
Bronchitis	7	1
Other diseases of respiratory system	1	1
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	1	1
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	1	1
Nephritis and nephrosis	1	1
Hyperplasia of prostate	4	1
Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	1	1
Congenital malformations	1	1
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	3	4
Motor vehicle accidents	1	1
All other accidents	1	1
Suicide	1	1
Homicide and operations of war	1	1
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	70	36
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(6) EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS

Estimated population of your district 9,670

Live Births

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Birth Rate</u>
Legitimate	103	83	186	19.7
Illegitimate	3	2	5	
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	106	85	191	
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Still Births

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	1	3	4
Illegitimate	1	1	2
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	1	3	4

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>Deaths of infants</u> <u>under 1 year of age</u>	2	-	2
<u>Deaths of infants under</u> <u>4 weeks of age</u>	2	-	2
<u>Deaths of infants under 1</u> <u>week of age</u>	1	-	1
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I think that on the whole we can take it that the health and sanitary circumstances of your area have been eminently satisfactory. There was an outbreak of infectious hepatitis which affected chiefly school children and spread in an irregular fashion from one village to another, but the cases were mild and nobody was seriously affected.

(7) AMBULANCE FACILITIES

Complete ambulance facilities for the area for all classes of cases have been provided by the County Council during the year.

Water supply and drainage
Public Cleansing
Eradication of bed bugs
Closet accommodation
Camping sites
Housing

are dealt with by the Public Health Inspector in his report.

I wish to thank the Committee for their valuable help and support, also the staff and other officials, both in the Rural District and the County for their assistance.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant.

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